

## OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

- The Wyoming Workers' Compensation Act is at Title 27, Chapter 14 of the Wyoming Statutes. (W.S. § 27-14-101 through W.S. § 27-14-805)
- The Act and the Rules, Regulations and Fee Schedules of Wyoming Workers' Safety and Compensation Division is available from the Division, and the Internet at:  
<http://doe.state.wy.us/doe.asp?ID=9>
- The filing of an injury report is **not a claim for benefits**. It is required by law. You must apply separately for each benefit to which you believe you are entitled.
- Workers' Compensation benefit payments are not considered "earnings" for income tax purposes.
- Electronic Funds Transfer is available for all Workers' Compensation benefit payments. Contact your claims analyst for more information and to obtain the necessary application.

### Another source for obtaining information:

PIERS is the Providers, Injured Workers, and Employers Resources System. This internet program gives customers the ability to retrieve case and billing information during business and non-business hours. You can access PIERS at:

<http://doe.state.wy.us/doe.asp?ID=723>

An interactive voice response (IVR) system is available to injured workers, employers and health care providers to obtain case or billing information at anytime. Access the system by calling 1-800-870-8883 outside of Cheyenne and 777-7441 in Cheyenne.

### **Third Party Lawsuits and Recovery:**

*If you receive any money as a result of a recovery due to your injury, you or your attorney must notify the Wyoming Attorney General's Office. The Division is entitled to be reimbursed for all payments made on your case, not to exceed one-third of the total recovery.*

*According to the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Act, any person(s) who knowingly makes or allows any misrepresentation or false statement to be made for the purpose of receiving payments under the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor or felony punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. W.S. § 27-14-510*

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## Workers' Safety and Compensation Division



## Information for Injured Workers

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Check our Website for more Info:

<http://doe.state.wy.us>

## **What you need to Know About Your Injury Claim**

The overall goals of the Workers' Safety and Compensation Division are to assist you in recovering from your work-related injury and to help you return to work. This pamphlet is for general information only. For specific information refer to the Wyoming Worker's Compensation Act.

### **Your Responsibilities**

Please note a report of injury is not a claim for benefits. Medical bills, reimbursements and compensation claims must be applied for, using the appropriate Division forms.

When corresponding with the Division, be sure to include your case number in every letter. When calling the Division, please identify yourself by name, case number and phone number. Every effort is made to return calls within 24 hours.

You must notify the Division, in writing, whenever you change your mailing address, physical address, or telephone number. Computer records will not be updated until a written notice is received. Failure to report address changes in writing may result in benefit checks and/or other documents being mailed to the wrong location.

The claims analyst assigned to manage your case is the person you should contact at the Division in order to obtain assistance, information and claim forms regarding your worker's compensation case. Your claims analyst cannot discuss your case with any other party without authorization from you. If you want to authorize the Division to discuss your case with anyone other than yourself, please complete the Release of

Information form, sign and date it, then mail it to the Division.

### **To Obtain Medical Benefits:**

Give your 9-digit case number to everyone providing medical services for your work-related injury or condition. Please tell the provider to record your case number in your medical chart for future reference. Medical bills cannot be processed for payment without a case number.

### **Temporary Total Disability (TTD) Benefits**

You may qualify for Temporary Total Disability (TTD) benefits if you are unable to work in any capacity and lose wages because of your work-related injury or condition. The Division does offer automatic deposit. If you are interested, talk to your analyst

You must apply for TTD benefits. A report of injury is not a claim for TTD benefits. You must complete and submit an Application For Temporary Total Disability Benefits to your treating health care provider (HCP). Your HCP must then complete the Healthcare Provider's Certification section and submit it to the Division. The HCP may certify TTD for the anticipated duration of your disability.

### **Reimbursements:**

The Division will only reimburse for travel expenses for travel to the closest available medical or hospital care needed to treat a work-related injury. Travel of less than 10 miles one way will not be reimbursed. Reimbursements will be paid at the rate established for state employees.

If you were required to pay for medical care and/or prescription medications related to your work injury, those receipts may be submitted

for reimbursement on a form provided by the Division. All other medical care and prescription medication must be billed directly to the Division. The Division will not reimburse for insurance co-pays or deductibles.

### **Change of Health Care Provider**

Once you choose a health care provider (HCP) to treat your work-related injury, you may change HCP with proper notification to the Division or by referral from your HCP. When completing the Change of Health Care Provider form, you must explain why you want to change HCP. The Division will notify both the prior and new HCP of the change. You may not continue to treat with a prior HCP after you submitted a change.

**The following forms are available for your use and can be downloaded at**

**<http://doe.wyo.gov/Pages/WorkersCompensationForms.aspx>**

- Application for TTD
- Reimbursement Voucher
- Release of information
- Change of Health Care Provider

**Additional information regarding your benefits can be found at:**

**<http://doe.wyo.gov/ProductionDocuments/WSCD-Claims/EE%20Tutorial.pdf>**